

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph of page 79 with the following amended paragraph:

(g) Quantitative Taqman RT-PCR

The same total RNA samples used for the GeneChip experiments can be analyzed using a *Taqman*® EZ RT-PCR kit. (PE Applied Biosystems) to confirm gene expression changes. Total RNA samples can be diluted to a concentration of 50ng/ul and a total of 50 ng can be used for each reaction. Primers and florescence probes for PSA and ID-1 and ID-3 can be designed using the Primer Express software and were chosen based upon the manufacturer's recommendations for primer selection. The primers used can be of 100uM concentration and for PSA can be PSA-F (forward primer) CGTGGCCAACCCCTGA (SEQ ID NO: 1), PSA-R (reverse primer) CTTGGCCTGGTCATTTCCAA (SEQ ID NO: 2), and PSA-P (probe) CACCCCTATCAACCCCTATTGTAGTAACTTGGA (SEQ ID NO: 3). For ID-1 and ID-3, primers can be designed based on the sequences of ID-1 and ID-3 available from Genbank Accession numbers X77956 (SEQ ID NO: 4) and X69111 (SEQ ID NO: 5), respectively.